Supply of water for irrigation for the Sholavaram tank.

* 1144-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received communications by telegram from the ryots of Sholavaram and the surrounding villages in the Chingleput district, requesting that water should be supplied to their lands from the Sholavaram tank;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that lands under the Sholavaram tank, to the extent of about 3,000 acres are now under paddy cultivation and are badly in need of water;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that water is not allowed to the lands from the Sholavaram tank;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there is now 5 feet of water in the Sholavaram tank over the sill level and that 2 feet of water will suffice for the lands for two months;

(*e*) whether the Government are considering the necessity of directing the letting of water from the tank to the lands; and

(*f*) if the answer to (*e*) be in the negative, whether the Government are prepared to compensate the ryots for loss of crops?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Collector of Chingleput reports that the approximate area of paddy cultivation under the Sholavaram tank is 2,900 acres; and that the crops are in need of water.

(*c*) Yes; till 15th December 1928 under the existing rules.

(*d*) The water level of the tank on 27th November 1928 was 2·75 feet above sill level. At 100 duty the water in the tank was sufficient for 2,900 acres for one month.

(*e*) & (*f*) Under the orders of Government the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) instructed the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, on 28th November 1928 to issue water for irrigation under the Sholavaram tank.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—" May I know, Sir, why this water was issued on the 28th November, and also whether the Government received any communication from the Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras protesting against this issue of water on the 28th November?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" The water was issued to benefit the crops and so far as I am aware, no such communication as the hon. Member refers to was received."

Localizing of certain lands in Kistna Western delta for inclusion under short crop irrigation.

* 1145 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Public Works Department authorities are localizing certain lands in Kistna Western delta, for inclusion under short crop irrigation; and

(*b*) if so, what are the principles guiding them in their classification?